PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Yoshihito ASAO, et al.

Appln. No.:

Group Art Unit:

Filed: July 24, 2000

Examiner:

For:

#4/a Hawkins ALTERNATOR AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURE THEREFOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

√Claim 4:

line 2, delete "according to Claim 1".

√Claim 5:

line 2, delete "according to Claim 1".

Claim 6:

line 2, delete "according to Claim 1".

√Claim 7:

line 2, delete "according to Claim 1".

⊬Claim 8:

line 1, delete "according to Claim 1".

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments are made in order to remove apparent multiple dependencies and avoid the Government surcharge and any confusion by the Examiner. Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted.

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